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TORONTO -- The Ontario government has just renewed a program that will give 300 college students a chance to gain practical experience in municipal government administration and planning.

In announcing the renewal, Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough said the program, known as Involvement in Municipal Administration (IMA), is open mainly to students enrolled in public or business administration or urban or regional planning courses at universities or community colleges. The program, now entering its fourth year, will run from April through September.

To encourage municipalities to employ students under the IMA program, the Ontario government offers to reimburse the municipalities 80 per cent of the students' salaries, up to a maximum of \$100 a week per student.

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In a letter to all Ontario municipalities, Mr. McKeough said the program is basically the same as in the past but some of the suggestions made by municipalities to improve it are being incorporated this year.

This year's program is intended to provide for about 300 positions -- 150 for planning students and 150 for public or business administration students -- but these figures are flexible and "will be altered if the demand so indicates," the Treasurer said.

Eligible students are invited to inquire about IMA at the employment offices of their colleges or universities, or to contact one of the local municipalities.

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 about 195 at the regional offices of the  
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